
INVESTING IN AMERICA

President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is Delivering in Texas

As of September 2023

The Biden-Harris Administration has hit the ground running to implement the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, and it is already delivering results for the people of Texas. To date, \$19.2 billion in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding has been announced and is headed to Texas with over 647 specific projects identified for funding. Since the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law passed, approximately \$13 billion has been announced for transportation – to invest in roads, bridges, public transit, ports and airports – and roughly \$1 billion has been announced for clean water. Texas received \$3.3 billion to connect everyone in the state to reliable high-speed internet and, as of today, more than 1,611,000 Texas households are already saving on their monthly internet bill due to the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Many more projects will be added in the coming months, as funding opportunities become grant awards and as formula funds become specific projects. By reaching communities all across Texas – including rural communities and historically underserved populations – the law makes critical investments that will improve lives for Texans and position the state for success.

Roads and Bridges: In Texas, there are 774 bridges and over 19,997 miles of highway in poor condition. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will rebuild our roads and includes the single largest dedicated bridge investment since the construction of the interstate highway system. Based on formula funding alone, Texas is expected to receive approximately \$27.5 billion over five years in federal funding for highways and bridges.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$11.1 billion has been announced in Texas for roads, bridges, roadway safety, and major projects. This includes:
 - \$10.5 billion in highway formula funding and \$230.7 million in dedicated formula funding for bridges in 2022 and 2023.
 - \$198.8 million through the RAISE program and \$25 million through the INFRA program in 2022 and 2023.

Internet: High-speed internet is necessary for Americans to do their jobs, participate in school, access health care, and stay connected. Yet, over 779,378 homes and small businesses in Texas do not have access to high-speed internet infrastructure. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$65 billion to provide affordable, high-speed internet to everyone in America. The Biden-Harris Administration worked with internet providers to offer high-speed internet plans that are fully covered by the Affordable Connectivity Program — meaning most eligible households can now get high-speed internet without paying a dime.

- **Announced funding to date:** Texas has received \$3.3 billion through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program (BEAD) to provide access to high-speed internet to everyone in Texas. In addition, about 1,611,000 households in Texas are enrolled in the Affordable Connectivity Program, with more signing up every day. Households can check their eligibility, sign up, and find fully covered internet plans at [GetInternet.gov](https://www.getinternet.gov).

Water: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law represents the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history, including the first-ever dedicated federal funding to replace lead service lines and address dangerous PFAS chemicals.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, \$989 million has been announced to Texas to provide clean and safe water across the state and improve water infrastructure. This includes:
 - \$989 million available in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 to provide clean and safe water across the state through the Environmental Protection Agency. Of this funding, \$368.4 million is dedicated to lead pipe and service line replacement, with another \$308.9 million for safe drinking water investments that can also support lead pipe replacement in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Public Transit: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes the largest investment in public transit in U.S. history. Based on formula funding alone, Texas would expect to receive approximately \$3.4 billion over five years under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to improve public transit across the state.¹ This funding will expand healthy, sustainable transportation options in Texas, where non-white households are 2.7 times more likely to commute via public transportation and 15% of transit vehicles in the state are currently past useful life.

¹ Transit formula funding amounts are subject to changes resulting from the 2020 census or from annual transit service data reported to FTA's National Transit Database.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Texas has been allocated \$644.7 million to improve public transportation options across the state in fiscal year 2022 and 2023.

Clean Buses: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests over \$10 billion for clean public transit and school buses. This includes a \$5 billion investment over the next five years to replace existing school buses with zero-emission and low-emission models. Use of clean school buses promotes cleaner air, reduced health risks, especially for children, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. This year alone, funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will help double the number of clean public transit buses on America's roads.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, schools in Texas have been awarded \$51 million through the Environmental Protection Agency's Clean School Bus Program. In addition, communities in Texas were awarded \$251.7 million for clean transit buses and improved bus service through DOT's Low- and No-Emission Bus and Bus and Bus Facilities Program.

Electric Vehicle Charging: The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$7.5 billion to build the first-ever national network of electric vehicle chargers in the United States and is a critical element of President Biden's plan to address the climate crisis and support domestic manufacturing jobs. Through the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program alone, Texas should expect to receive roughly \$408 million in formula funding over five years to support the expansion of electric vehicle charging in the state.

- **Announced funding to date:** Texas has been allocated \$147.2 million in 2022 and 2023 to build out a network of EV chargers across the state.

Clean Energy & Power: Power outages cost the U.S. economy more than \$70 billion annually. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to upgrade our power infrastructure by making the grid more resilient and building thousands of miles of new transmission lines to deliver clean, affordable electricity. The law also makes a historic investment in clean energy technologies like advanced nuclear, clean hydrogen, carbon capture, and batteries, as well as a historic \$3.5 billion investment in weatherization to improve energy efficiency of homes and lower energy costs for impacted households by an average of \$372 per year.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$495.4 million has been allocated to Texas for clean energy, energy efficiency, and power in 2022 and 2023. This includes:
 - \$173.2 million for weatherization;

- \$33.1 million through the State Energy Program;
- \$29 million through the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and
- \$60.9 million to prevent outages and make the power grid more resilient. Additional grid funding will be made available in the coming months.

Airports: According to some rankings, no U.S. airports rank in the top 25 of airports worldwide. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$25 billion in airports to replace and modernize airport infrastructure, which helps the U.S. become more economically competitive globally, creates good jobs, and revitalizes and supports more efficient and enhanced traveler experience.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Texas has received approximately \$669.6 million in 2022 and 2023 for airports.

Ports and Waterways: Our ports and waterways are in need of repair and investment. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law invests \$17 billion in port infrastructure to strengthen our supply chains, address maintenance backlogs, and reduce congestion and emissions near ports— ultimately helping our country move goods more quickly and at lower cost.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, Texas has received roughly \$344.7 million in 2022 and 2023 for ports and waterways. Texas was awarded \$40 million for 3 port projects through the Port Infrastructure Development Program.

Resilience: Millions of Americans feel the effects of climate change and extreme weather every day. More frequent hurricanes, wildfires, heat waves, floods, unprecedented power outages, and persistent droughts devastate our communities and threaten our infrastructure. In the last decade, Texas has experienced 76 extreme weather events, costing the state up to \$233 billion in damages. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law makes a historic investment to bolster our resilience against pressing challenges like impacts of climate change, extreme weather events, and other hazards like cyberattacks.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$981.9 million has been allocated to Texas for infrastructure resilience in 2022 and 2023 including \$423.2 million through the Army Corps of Engineers for flood mitigation.

Legacy Pollution Cleanup: Across the country, thousands of former industrial, chemical, and energy sites emit harmful pollutants into surrounding communities. These sites pose harms to health, welfare, and economic prosperity — and disproportionately

impact communities of color: 26% of Black Americans and 29% of Hispanic Americans live within 3 miles of a Superfund site, a higher percentage than for Americans overall. The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will deliver the largest investment in tackling legacy pollution in American history by cleaning up Superfund and brownfield sites, reclaiming abandoned mines, and capping orphaned oil and gas wells.

- **Announced funding to date:** To date, approximately \$108.5 million has been allocated to Texas in 2022 and 2023 for capping orphaned oil and gas wells and reclaiming abandoned mine lands and \$17.5 million has been allocated to cleaning up brownfield sites.

For more information, click [here](#) to see a map of funding and announced projects in your community through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

Texas Project Spotlights

Rail Project Spotlight

The Sunray Agricultural Supply Chain Efficiency Project

The Department of Transportation has awarded \$7,342,032 to the Texas North Western Railway Company for rail infrastructure and safety improvements in Texas through the Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) program. The project will modernize the TXNW, resulting in reduced risk of derailment, accommodate the large grain trains, and reduce emissions by allowing for the utilization of larger, more modern locomotives to access a grain elevator. Also, the project will help TXNW sustain interchange services with BNSF Railway.

See [here for a full list of CRISI awards.](#)

Resilience Project Spotlight

Climate Resilience Flood Mitigation Project for Critical Power and Treatment Infrastructure

The Federal Emergency Management Agency has awarded \$50 million in Austin, Texas through the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) program. Through this funding, Austin will protect utility plants with levee improvements and nature-based solutions. The BRIC program funds critical mitigation projects and activities to reduce natural hazard risks for states, local communities, tribes and territories.

See [here](#) for the full list of BRIC awards.

Renew America's Schools Grant Spotlight

Austin Independent School District

The Department of Energy awarded nearly \$15 million to the Austin Independent School District to implement "Solar for Schools", innovative energy technology packages pairing energy efficiency measures and the installation of renewable energy technologies (rooftop solar, or photovoltaic (PV) arrays) to achieve their goal of net-zero schools and increase investment in disadvantaged communities at 16 schools. This first-of-its-kind investment will help school communities make energy upgrades that will lower utility costs, improve indoor air quality, and foster healthier learning environments, while prioritizing high-need school communities.

See [here](#) to learn more about the Selectees for the Renew America's Schools grant

Transit Project Spotlight

Harris County University Corridor Bus Rapid Transit

The Metropolitan Transit Authority of Harris County (METRO) will receive \$150 million through the Federal Transit Administration to develop a Bus Rapid Transit corridor from Westchase Park-and-Ride to the Tidwell Transit Center. The project will invest in 47 battery-electric buses which will operate almost entirely on exclusive bus lanes. The effort will give a historically disadvantaged community better access to jobs, education and essential services. The corridor will also serve the six area universities and colleges.

See [here](#) to learn more about grant programs under the Federal Transit Administration.

Airport Project Spotlight

Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport

The Federal Aviation Administration has awarded the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport a total of \$70 million in 2022 and 2023. \$35 million was awarded in 2022 to help fund the first phase of the construction of a Zero Carbon Electric Central Utility Plant, focused on constructing the facility and converting two of five terminals. \$10 million was awarded in 2023 to fund the second phase of the project, focused on converting the remaining three terminals. In addition, \$25 million was awarded in 2023 to fund a portion of the Terminal D Energy Efficiency Enhancement program that replaces aging infrastructure with modern systems that will significantly improve energy efficiency and reduce NOx emissions. This project includes the replacement of the aging HVAC system, installation of dimmable smart glass in terminal windows, and eco-friendly roof replacement. This will help the airport reach its 2030 goal of net zero carbon emissions.

See [here](#) for a map of the Airport Terminal awards, [here](#) for 2023 Airport Terminal selections, and [here](#) for 2022 Airport Terminal selections.

Reconnecting Communities Project Spotlight

Gulfton Multimodal Study

The City of Houston has been awarded over \$500,000 to continue planning and implementation work surrounding the challenges posed by legacy infrastructure such as I-69 and the Westpark Tollway in Gulfton. Low car ownership makes the neighborhood one of the most transit-dependent in the Houston area. The planning effort will work to mitigate the imposing effects of existing infrastructure to improve access to the City's transit hubs, schools, parks, and business corridors.

See [here](#) for a full list of announced Reconnecting Communities Awards.

INFRA Grant Program Project Spotlight

Anzaldúas Bridge Expansion Project

The Department of Transportation awarded a \$25 million grant to build commercial inspection facilities at the Anzaldúas Land Port of Entry, including inspection booths and docks, equipment, roadway, parking, and sidewalks. The project will improve current southbound facilities and construct northbound facilities. Upgrading the Anzaldúas Bridge crossing to full service will address system vulnerabilities, improve travel time reliability, and increase economic competitiveness for commercial freight traffic crossing the border. The project also establishes Non-Intrusive Inspection technologies and innovative inspection design to improve safety and efficiency.

See [here](#) for the full list of 2022-23 INFRA Grant recipients.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Port of Arthur Navigation District

The Department of Transportation awarded a \$13.6 million RAISE grant to the Port of Arthur Navigation District to convert an abandoned railyard into a modern cargo storage and staging area. The project includes an approximate 25.5 acres of site stabilization and related lighting, fencing, fiber optic, stormwater management, relocation of utilities underground, and reconditioning of a two-story structure to mitigate flood risks. The project will decrease accidents by creating more space for the efficient and timely movement of goods and people.

See [here](#) for more information about Port of Port Arthur project.

RAISE Telephone Road: Main Street Revitalization Project

City of Houston, Texas

The Department of Transportation awarded a nearly \$21 million RAISE grant to revitalize Telephone Road through multimodal improvements across 2.8 miles. The project will address hazards such as faded street markings, crumbling or non-existent sidewalks and bike lanes within the roadway that has led to numerous crashes. The

project will improve safety and ADA accessibility by upgrading pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure and creating additional transportation options.

See [here](#) for more information about Houston Texas Telephone Road RAISE Grant.

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

SH 130 Advanced Commercial Truck Travel Plaza

The Department of Transportation awarded Caldwell County approximately \$22 million to fund the design and construction of a commercial truck parking plaza. The plaza will include approximately 20 short-term and 100 long-term truck parking spaces, entry/exit gate control, lighting, fencing, a rest stop with restrooms and showers, and amenities, all with 24-hour monitored security. Safety is addressed by constructing truck parking that will help reduce crashes and fatalities involving trucks parked in unauthorized locations. The project also aims to encourage truck drivers to use SH 130 rather than I-35 to diversify the traffic load and reduce crashes on the interstate. The funding also supports the development of a mobile application to help truck drivers find and reserve available parking at a safe facility.

See [here](#) for a full list of RAISE projects

RAISE Grant Program Project Spotlight

Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Site Improvements

The Department of Transportation awarded \$12 million project to the City of El Paso to construct pedestrian walkways and improvements to assure safety at the Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Site. The project will reduce air pollution and emissions by supporting pedestrian infrastructure and transit bus stops. The project will help ease barriers to crossing the bridge on foot, bike, or reaching the border crossing by transit.

See [here](#) for more information about Ysleta Port of Entry Pedestrian and Site Improvements.

Brownfields Cleanup Project Spotlight

Village of Vinton

The Environmental Protection Agency awarded \$2 million to Village of Vinton for a Brownfields Cleanup Grant to clean up the Vinton Community Park Site. The cleanup site was formerly used for waste material disposal. As a result, the site is contaminated with hazardous substances with commingled petroleum in some areas. The site has been vacant since the Village purchased it in 1992. Grant funds will also be used to conduct community outreach activities. The funding will help accelerate clean-up efforts of contaminated sites, spur economic redevelopment, and build safer, more resilient communities for the next generation.

See [here](#) for a list Multipurpose, Assessment, Revolving Loan Fund, and Cleanup (MARC) Grant projects.